

## ACTION OF STATE BOARD SHOWN IN REPORT TO WELLS

Greatest Increase Made in Fourth Ward—Chamber of Commerce Boosted \$140,000—Fight Expected.

Individual increases in property assessments as made by the state board were furnished to G. Davis Wells, county assessor, in a report submitted Monday by the state tax commission. The total increase by the board amounted to \$17,979,105, according to this report, the greatest increase being made in the fourth ward, the same ward in which the county board of equalization made its greatest reduction.

That a local fight will ensue to have the figures of the state board set aside and the assessment made by the county assessor of the county equalization board used instead, is predicted by many persons around the courthouse. Many taxpayers visited the assessor's office Monday to learn the increase in their individual assessment and some declared they would go into the courts for settlement.

An idea of the differences in the figures of the county assessor, the county equalization board and the final figures of the state board are shown in the following prices of property picked from the list at random:

Chamber of Commerce building was assessed by the late W. T. Condon at \$226,625; the county board reduced this to \$100,000 and the state board raised the figure back to \$240,000.

The Byrd building at the corner of Main and Madison, is 25 by 74 feet, and was assessed by the assessor at \$225,000; the county board reduced this to \$190,000 while the state board's figure is \$250,000.

The store building on Main street occupied by Geo. T. Brodnax, Inc., was purchased at a price of \$335,000, of which amount \$35,000 was cash and the remainder to be paid in 20 years. The county assessor placed a valuation of \$380,250, which the board reduced to \$200,000 by the county board and the state board put the figure at \$235,000.

The building occupied by the Austin Clothing company was valued at \$74,250 by the assessor; the state board valued it at \$180,000; by the county board the final figure being \$650 less than the assessment made by the county assessor.

The total increases by wards as announced by the state board follow:

First ward	\$28,450
Second ward	694,225
Third ward	1,693,500
Fourth ward	4,310,925
Fifth ward	950,475
Sixth ward	2,410,025
Seventh ward	563,225
Eighth ward	1,213,225
Ninth ward	160,500
Tenth ward	129,540
Eleventh ward	602,275
Twelfth ward	1,217,200
Fifteenth ward	1,198,275
Sixteenth ward	1,171,725
Eighteenth ward	387,225
Nineteenth ward	194,825
Twentieth ward	113,300
Twenty-fourth ward	446,275
Twenty-eighth ward	290,150
Thirtieth ward	98,450
Sixth district	117,979,105

## "Too Many Flies," Was His Defense In Board Bill Case

ALFRED ME., Oct. 12. (By International News Service.) A verdict for the defendant was directed by Associate Justice Hanson, in supreme court here in the suit of Lucius P. Williams, proprietor of the Colonial Inn, Ogunquit, against Frederick A. Sweet, a Worcester, Mass., school principal.

In the summer of 1919 Mr. Sweet stopped for a short time at the inn and suddenly left, because, as he testified in court, the flies were so thick in the dining room that they drove him out.

Williams sued for board and a verdict of \$128.75 was returned in his favor. Sweet took the case before the law court and a new trial was ordered.

Testimony in court showed that a fly can fly 500 feet without stopping to rest.

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## Women Voters Lead Men In Organization Mrs. Phillips Says

Women voters throughout Tennessee generally are better organized under the banner of Democracy than are the male voters, according to Mrs. Sam H. Phillips, secretary of the Democratic state executive committee of women. Mrs. Phillips leaves Memphis Tuesday night for a speaking tour over the state.

Mrs. Phillips now is working at Democratic state headquarters for women. Headquarters is alongside the men's state headquarters in the Maxwell house.

"Politicians who opposed suffrage when the Tennessee legislature gave the women of the nation the vote in a special session, now are swinging into line," Mrs. Phillips declared Monday. "One of the first checks I got was from Senator J. Parks Worley, who fought us bitterly in the senate at the recent session."

The supplemental registration, which began Monday for three days, was a matter which Mrs. Phillips wished to call particularly to the attention of the women of Memphis and Shelby county. "Tell them to headquarters to give their vote," was the message Mrs. Phillips spread.

During her speaking tour Mrs. Phillips will devote special attention to the league of nations and to the subject, "Why Women Should Vote." Her itinerary starting Oct. 12, at Centerville, Tenn., includes: Nashville, Paducah, Louisville, Memphis, Dyersburg, Dickson, Shelbyville, Murfreesboro, Nashville, Jackson, Memphis, Chattanooga, Nashville (four days).

## Hits Husband With Ax; Rushes To Cop Station To Give Up

Within ten minutes after she had struck her husband, E. T. French, negro, over the head with an ax several times, his wife came to police headquarters to give herself up. She is charged with assault with an attempt to kill, pending the outcome of her husband's injuries. French, who was taken to General hospital, has but slight chances for recovery.

## AGED FARMER, CRUSHED, IN GRAVE CONDITION

W. A. Davidson, aged 62, Euclid, Miss. farmer, is at the Baptist Memorial hospital seriously injured. He is crushed about the hips and lower abdomen. Hospital attendants have no record of how Davidson was injured.

Davidson was resting easily Monday, but his condition is grave, attaches said. He was taken to the institution from a train Sunday night.

## GIRL HURT IN FALL WHEN LEAVING CAR

Miss Vera Johnson, 22 years old, a stenographer for the Firestone Tire company, residing at 102 Roland street, received an injured ankle on Monday morning, when she fell in alighting from a Vance-Lamar street car at Vance avenue and Walnut street.

## \$3 VOTES IN G. O. P. PRIMARY CAUSE OF FACTIONAL CLASH

The long standing fight between the Lily white and black and tan factions of the Shelby county Republican party erupted out again on Monday at the session of the county court.

John W. Farley, attorney, representing C. R. Allen, chairman, and George H. Poole, secretary of the Republican county executive committee, and C. H. King, chairman, and John G. Eaton, secretary of the county Republican primary board, filed a petition with the court asking that the expense account of \$764, incurred in holding the so-called primary on Aug. 5, be not paid.

The petition sets out that the state executive committee had declared that no legal primary was held in Shelby county on Aug. 5, and the petition further shows that these persons who held the alleged election were not legally appointed and had no authority for doing so.

Squire Wortman, who is a member of the black and tan faction, moved that the matter go over until next Monday, stating that he had had no warning of its presentation before court opened. W. T. McLain, county attorney, advised the court that the auditing committee had not yet passed on these bills and that the matter, therefore, was not officially before the court.

The petition presented by Mr. Farley shows that Bob Church's faction, which controls the black and tan faction, expended \$764 for the election

in which 249 votes were cast in the county. Among the items of expense is one for S. M. Wright, \$71.40 for furnishing a list of qualified voters. This is at the rate of 20 cents a name.

The petition asks that the bills not be paid by the county and the court agreed to allow the matter to go over until such time as the auditing committee shall have passed upon the bills and the court put in position to take action.

## Baby Boy Falls Through Window And Breaks Leg

John Elliott, Jr., three years old, son of John Elliott, 1516 Vinton avenue, is in St. Joseph's hospital with a broken leg as a result of falling from the second story window of his home, Monday.

According to relatives the lad was in a room on the second floor of the building and was playing on a bed which was near the window. The boy fell against the screen over the window which gave way and he plunged to the ground 20 feet below, breaking his right leg. He sustained no other injuries.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BANNER AWARDED TO SPRINGDALE

Springdale Methodist church won the banner awarded by the Memphis Methodist Sunday School Officers and Teachers' association, at its regular bimonthly meeting at Union Avenue church Sunday afternoon. Pepper Memorial Methodist Sunday school was tied with Springdale church for first place, but deferred to the latter school.

The program was devoted to the elementary work of the Sunday schools and plans for the coming winter were outlined.

## BURGLAR GETS \$1,000 IN JEWELS FROM HOME

Jewelry valued at more than \$1,000 was stolen Sunday from the home of Miss Virginia Yerger, 738 Tate avenue. The loot included a diamond and platinum wrist watch, two pearl earrings, three diamond cuff pins, an old gold brooch with nine diamonds, and \$55 in cash.

## MISSISSIPPIANS TO HOLD COTTON PARLEY

JACKSON, Miss., Oct. 12.—Five hundred bankers, planters and business men from all sections of Mississippi will hold a mass meeting here today to take action favoring the proposal of the American Cotton association to hold cotton for 40 cents a pound.

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